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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone was steady to barely steady on frozen hens and consumer sized toms. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate inquiry. Trading was moderate on private label hens and toms, with ceilings, for May through August delivery in the Midwest. Trading was fair on tom full cut wings, otherwise light on bulk parts. Activity improved slightly on fresh and frozen breast meat, and scapula. Fresh wing meat moved at 47 cents delivered and tails at 20.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A moderate volume of tom drums moved at steady prices. Tom full cut wings traded at the lower end of the range and frozen mechanically separated turkey sold in a wide range. Thigh meat prices continued to be dependant upon destination. Fresh tom drums traded at 17 cents delivered.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 08, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	JUN-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								1840	JUN-SEP
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	58	58.00	80	-	-	-	800	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	58	58.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 09, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	59.50	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	60.90**	64.00
WESTERN REGION	60.80**	61.40**	63.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	58.00	57.70**
CENTRAL REGION	58.10**	58.40**	58.00
WESTERN REGION	58.00	58.00	57.70**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-MAY-2003

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000) PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.22	97 65.29	31
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.22	97 65.29	31
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

APRIL	502,021*
MAY 1-3, 2003	45,557*
To date 2003	1,813,722*
To date 2002	1,726,066*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-May-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	874	-2	22.45	(A)	880 22.45
SATL	787	4	29.23	(A)	793 29.23
N CENT	2,462	3	33.01	(A)	2,468 33.01
S CENT	429	1	21.88	(A)	435 21.88
WEST	361	-5	22.19	(A)	367 22.19
U.S. TOTAL	4,913(B)	1	28.80	30	4,943 28.80
TO-DATE					
2003	80,199(B)			283	80,482
TO-DATE					
2002	79,803(B)			130	79,933

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 72,000; for the year 1,048,000; last year to date 780,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

		YOUNG		W/E 03-May-2003	
		HENS	TOMS	YOUNG	OLD
				BREEDERS	TOTAL
		THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,916	2,925	72	30	4,943
AVG WT	16.06	37.19	24.16	35.70	28.80
LAST WEEK	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
SAME WK YR AGO	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	28.43	27.06
TO-DATE/2003	31,001	48,150	1,048	283	80,482
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 MAY 2003.

The undertone on hen bulk parts was mostly steady with full-cut wings in the strongest position. Demand was fair for the light to adequate offerings. The undertone on bulk parts ranged from mostly steady on drums to barely steady on the balance of items. Demand was light to fair for the adequate to instances ample offerings. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of fresh mechanically separated turkey. Export demand ranged from slow to mostly moderate with interest centered on dark meat items. Trading into export channels centered on fair volumes of mostly mixed hen and tom thigh meat and tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	88.00		88.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	83.23	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.50-19.00		18.63	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.00-13.00		12.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.00		18.00	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.15	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.50	80
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	112.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00-122.00		118.31	130
THIGH MEAT		W	51.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.50	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	65.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		T	60.00	160
TENDERLOINS		F	95.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-20.00		18.18	220
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-20.50		18.93	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.50		13.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		M	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-51.00		45.24	328

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The white meat undertone was steady at best. Breast trim and scapula showed signs of increased activity while tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat remained sluggish. Offerings easily satisfied buyers' needs. Some trading was noted on open priced fresh 10-14 lb. wogs for May-June shipments and some weakness was noted on 20 lb. and heavier canner pack toms. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings adequate. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of 4-8 lb. breasts, bulk parts and frozen tom breast meat. Tails traded at 20 and fresh wing meat at 47 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, balance light to fair. Edible livers traded at 13 and fresh tom drums at 17 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	88.00-90.00		89.60	200	89.14	1,331
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	83.23	520	83.23	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-23.00		19.79	151	19.33	374
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00		19.00	30	19.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	17.64	112
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.50-13.00		12.92	240	12.84	640
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.15	52	22.15	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	53.00	40	53.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	21.50	80	21.57	89
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	6	17.80	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	106.00-112.00		106.15	246	106.71	272
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	120	118.30	270
THIGH MEAT		W	51.00	10	51.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.50	50		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	66.00		66.00	80	65.40	200
SCAPULA MEAT	61.00-68.00		63.75	160	61.88	320
TENDERLOINS		F	95.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00		117.00	20	117.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-18.50		18.17	120	18.28	360
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-20.50		19.32	560	19.53	1,483
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.00-13.00		12.50	208	13.06	468
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208	18.00	312
TAILS		M	16.00	52	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-19.00		16.69	248	16.69	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-62.00		53.50	368	50.08	1,367

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